

PART B - COOLGARDIE GOLDFIELDS WATER SUPPLY SCHEME CONSTRUCTION

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| NOV 1895 | - | Table of estimates printed by Government Printer showing the Scheme costs of four different pipe sizes for each of the three different daily demands; ten million gallons per day, five million and one million. |
| NOV 1895 | - | Premier Forrest visits the Eastern Goldfields; taking preliminary plan of a pumping scheme with him. |
| JULY 16, 1896 | - | Premier Forrest introduced the Coolgardie Goldfields Water Supply Loan Bill, to authorise the raising of a loan of 2,500,00 pounds to build the pumping scheme. |
| SEPT 23, 1896 | - | Loan Bill assented to. |
| JULY 17, 1896 | - | Engineer-in-chief C Y O'Connor submitted a report to the Director of Public Works on Proposed Water Supply (by Pumping) from Reservoirs in the Greenmount Ranges. |
| JAN 11 1897 | - | Commission of Engineers appointed in London to review technical aspects of the scheme; J Carruthers, Prof W C Unwin and G F Deacon. |
| JAN 1897 | - | O'Connor left for England primarily to consult the Commission of Engineers and visit materials and equipment suppliers. |
| AUG 3 1897 | - | First (interim) report of the Commission of Engineers. |
| DEC 31 1897 | - | Final report of Commission of Engineers. |
| EARLY 1898 | - | Preliminary site works commenced for Mundaring Weir. |
| APRIL 1898 | - | Excavation for the foundations of Mundaring Weir commenced. |

- BY JUNE 30, 1898** - Railway spur from Mundaring to the Weir site had been completed; a dam for temporary water supply and roads to quarries had been constructed.

- OCT 1898** - Coolgardie Goldfields Water Supply Construction Bill assented to.

- OCT 1898** - Contract signed for supply of steel plate from Germany and America and the locking bars from England.

- OCT 1898** - Contracts for manufacture of the pipes signed by two contractors, Messrs G & C Hoskins and Mr Mephan Ferguson.

- MID 1899** - First shipments of steel plate arrive in WA.

- JULY 11, 1899** - A shipment of locking bars was lost when the 'Carlisle Castle' sank in a gale south west of Garden Island with the loss of 22 hands.

- DEC 27, 1899** - O'Connor approved the foundations at Mundaring Weir for commencement of concreting.

- SEPT 1899** - G & C Hoskins commenced pipe rolling and fabrication.

- JULY 25, 1899** - Tenders called for supply of pumping engines and boilers for the eight pumping stations.

- MARCH 1900** - Contract let to James Simpson and Co. of London for supply and installation of pumping engines, etc.

- FEB 3, 1902** - Select Committee set up to review the proposal to contract out the joint caulking by machine. Committee made an interim report on 17 February, 1902.

- FEB 26, 1902** - A Royal Commission was set up to review the contract proposal. The 'Sunday Times' mounted a campaign of vilification of O'Connor, contractor Coulston and the Minister for Works.

- MARCH 10, 1902** - O'Connor committed suicide.

- MAR/APR 1902** - C S R Palmer took over as Engineer in Chief.

- APR 13, 1902** - Pumping commenced with one engine at Pumping Station No.1

- APR 18, 1902** - Water first reached Northam.

- APR 22, 1902** - Water first reached Cunderdin reservoir at mile 77. Four months elapsed while laying and jointing of the next section was completed.

- AUG 22, 1902** - Water first reached Merredin receiving tank at mile 140.

- SEPT 30, 1902** - Water first reached Yerbillion.

- OCT 30 1902** - Water first reached Southern Cross.

- DEC 21, 1902** - Water first reached Gilgai.

- DEC 22,1902** - Water first reached Coolgardie service reservoir at mile 328.

- JAN 16, 1903** - Water first reached Kalgoorlie service reservoir.

- JAN 24, 1903** - Official opening ceremony at Kalgoorlie.